

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LAGOS 09517 221907Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 DHA-02 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00
TRSE-00 ACDA-07 AID-05 /085 W
-----005199 221917Z /40

O 221702Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3131
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 9517

FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PORG, ZA, WA, US
SUBJECT: LAGOS CONFERENCE: CONVERSATION WITH KAUNDA - NAMIBIA

REF: LAGOS 9516

1. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION OF THE RHODESIAN SITUATION DURING OUR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AUGUST 27, WE TOUCHED BRIFLY ON NAMIBIA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID HE BELIEVES THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO PREFER AN INTERNAL SOLUTION AND TO HOPE THAT SWAPO WILL TAKE POSITIONS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO BLAME THEM FOR ANY BREAKDOWN OF THE CURRENT INITIATIVE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. THUS GREATER FLEXIIBILITY BY SWAPO THAN THEY HAVE SHOWN THUS FAR IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LAGOS 09517 221907Z

2. YOUNG NOTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAD MOVED FURTHER TO PLACE THEIR ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL IN NAMIBIA. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BE NAMED AND SENT TO NAMIBIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAD HOPED WE COULD GET THE UN SYG TO BEGIN TO ACT TOWARD THIS END, BUT HE HAS NOT AND WE BELIEVE THAT STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE FRONT LINE STATES IS NEEDED TO GET THE PROCESS IN MOTION.

3. KAUNDA DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS, BUT SAID HE WAS GLAD THE WEST WAS OPPOSING THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUSH TO ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA. HE SAID THERE MUST BE TIME FOR AN ABATEMENT OF "TENSION, MISTRUST AND HATRED" HE HOPED THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD STAND FIRM ON THIS, AND WOULD SEE TO THE CESSATION OF CONDITIONS FOR ELECTIONS WHICH "WILL GET NAMIBIA OFF TO A GOOD START."

4. WE RECOUNTED THE POSITION SWAPO HAD TAKEN WITH THE FIVE REGARDING A PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA, AND THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM THIS WILL POSE TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT. HE MADE NO DIRECT RESPONSE TO THIS OR TO OUR DESCRIPTION OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE TALKS WITH SWAPO, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. HE SAID THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ZAMBIA IS NO PROBLEM, FOR MOST OF THE 900 PEOPLE FORMERLY BEING HELD IN ZAMBIA HAVE REJOINED SWAPO. THE REMAINDER ARE IN REFUGEE CAMPS.

5. HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT ANDREAS SHIPANGA AND THE OTHERS DETAINED IN TANZANIA DO CONSTITUTE "A PROBLEM FOR US." HE MAINTAINED THAT BECAUSE THESE MEN NOW SO MUCH ABOUT ZAMBIAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, AND BECAUSE ONCE BEFORE THEY HAD SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THEIR RELEASE COULD REPRESENT A DANGER TO THE SECURITY OF ZAMBIA: "THIS IS AN HONEST FACT, A PROBLEM OF OUR SECURITY."
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LAGOS 09517 221907Z

6. KAUNDA'S FOCUS IS, UNDERSTANDABLY, CENTERED ON RHODESIA. HE OFFERED NO STRONG OPINIONS ON NAMIBIA. HE REMAINS HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND WE BELIEVE THAT ONLY IF NYERERE PRESSES FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY BY SWAPO - IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY, WE WELT IT MIGHT - WOULD KAUNDA BE INCLINED TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH SWAPO. HIS REMARKS ABOUT SHIPANGA HIGHLIGHT A POTENTIAL PROBLEM. HOWEVER, THE ANSWER TO THIS MAY LIE MORE WITH NYERERE THAN KAUNDA.
EASUM

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 22-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977LAGOS09517
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770302-1302
Format: TEL
From: LAGOS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770838/aaaabfsc.tel
Line Count: 104
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3570fa56-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 LAGOS 9516
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1529612
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LAGOS CONFERENCE: CONVERSATION WITH KAUNDA - NAMIBIA
TAGS: PORG, PDEV, ZA, WA, US, (YOUNG, ANDREW), (KAUNDA, KENNETH DAVID)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3570fa56-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009